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THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT RPT NOT SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

OF NORTH KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) BUT THAT
NIGERIAN DELEGATION WOULD SUPPORT IT. JAPANESE COUNSELOR
TOLD EMBOFF THAT AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED AT MEA IN FOLLOW
UP TO DEMARCHE REGARDING APPLICATIONS ROK AND DPRK FOR
MEMBERSHIP NAC (REFTEL A).

2. ACCORDING COUNSELOR, MEA OFFICIAL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR
NORTH KOREA WAS FAVORED BY NON-ALIGNED AND SEEMED TO INFER
THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION. MEA OFFICIAL REMAINED UNCONVINCED BY JAPANESE

ARGUMENTS THAT TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT MEANT SUPPORTING
BOTH ROK AND DPRK APPLICATIONS; OFFICIAL MADE NO COMMENT
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WHEN AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE CHARGE SOUTH KOREA NOT REALLY NON-

ALIGNED, SUGGESTED THAT PYONGYANG AS MUMH ALLIED WITH
SOVIETS AND PRC AS SEOUL IS WITH U.S.

COMMENT: NIGERIANS HAVE APPARENTLY MADE UP THEIR MIND TO
SUPPORT NORTH KOREANS AT LIMA. BELIEVE ANY ADDITIONAL
DEMARCHES HERE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BUT WILL CONTINUE
EXPLAIN OUR POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE MEA
OFFICIALS.
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